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Famine - (Bellary) - Relief Camp at Madangam - Employment of pregnant women - Papers recorded.

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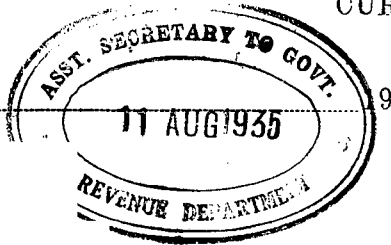
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Subject.

Famine - (Bellary) - Relief camp at Nadangam - Inspection notes of the District Medical Officer dated 6-8-1935.

ENCLOSURES.

No.

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Reference No. M.5486/35-1

Station Madras. Dated the 9th August 1935.

From

M.K. Vellodi Esq., I.C.S.,
Joint Secretary,

Land Revenue. &

~~Joint~~ Board of Revenue, ~~Revenue~~ Settlement, ~~etc.~~

~~Separate Revenue.~~

M.R. Ry. Diwan Bahadur N. Gopalaswami Ayyangar Avl., C.I.E.
Commr. of Land Rev. & Sett.

Resolution

Reference.

Read the following:-

Letter Esq., I.C.S., Collector of Bellary, No. L.Dis. C.2782/35 dated 7th June 1935.

B.P. Mis. 2545 dated the 11th July 1935.

Letter from Major-General Sir. F.P. Connor, Kt., D.S.O., K.H.S., I.M.S., Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, No. Ref.211-Hospitals dated 8th August 1935.

REFERENCE.

With reference to paragraphs 1 to 3 of the District Medical Officer's letter read above, the Collector of Bellary is requested to institute enquiries at once and a week whether the Medical Officer in charge of the relief camp had already examined the 21 cases of pregnant women and certified that they were unfit even for light work at

if so, why the Medical Officer's opinion was not acted on
and the women were asked to walk long distances to ^{the} camp and
do work. Action should at once be taken under section 132
of the Famine Code.

M. K. Vendi
Joint Secretary.

To the Collector of Bellary.

✓ To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to the Surgeon-General.

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Copy of letter from Major-General Sir F.P. Connor Lt.,
.S.O., K.H.S., I.M.S., Surgeon-General with the Government
of Madras, No. Ref. 211-Hospitals dated 8th August 1935.-

Famine - (Bellary) - Relief camp at Nadangam -
Inspection note of the District Medical Officer dated
6-8-1935 - Forwarded for necessary action.

In forwarding herewith a copy of the inspection note
of the District Medical Officer, Bellary, on famine relief
camp at Nadangam which he inspected on 6-8-1935, I have
the honour to request that early action may be taken with
regard to paragraphs 1 to 3 of the note.

Copy of letter from the District Medical Officer,
Bellary to the Personal Assistant to the Surgeon-General
with the Government of Madras, No. 280/35 dated 6-8-1935.-

I visited the Famine camp at Nadangam on 6-8-1935.

There were 695 men

1,385 women

and 360 children workers.

Dependants numbered 2 men
 3 women
 138 children fed at kitchen
 and 371 babies in arms.

21 women well advanced in pregnancy were doing light work
at the camp. These women were coming from distances of
three miles and over.

2. I hope that immediate steps will be taken to put
an end to this. The dangers and cruelty of it are so
manifest that the medical officers cannot accept any
responsibility for any accidents that may happen if the
practice is allowed to continue.

3. The practice of other camps should be followed where
women far advanced in pregnancy are given the dole at their

own homes.

4. The Hospital has been improved since my last visit. There is sufficient supply of medicines. The general health of workers and dependants is good. No disease is particularly prevalent though the incidence of otorrhea and conjunctivitis among the children is higher than it ought to be. The children are being fed merely on the famine code scale of diet. None of the voluntary aid associations are doing anything at this camp. The water supply is good and ample.

5. There is no obvious sign of diet deficiency beyond what is met with among the general population of the district.

Revenue Department

Famine - (Beller) - Nadangan
Relief camp - Inspection Notes of D.O.
from the Board of Rev., L.R.S., no
M-5486-35-1 dated 8-8-35.

To Under Secretary

Please see the Report ref^d
in the C.F. ¹¹⁷¹⁴

2. During the discussion,
on 22-3-35, of the supplementary
grant under "43 Famine," Mr. A.
Nempanatha mudaliyar suggested
that women in an advanced stage
of pregnancy should be exempted
from work for a period of one month
before confinement. The Board of
Rev. reported that such women
were allowed to cease work when
it appeared to the medical Officer
that they would deliver in about 10 days
but that in practice the actual
delivery took place in about 20 to 30
days after they stopped work. During
his tour in March & April 35, the
Comr. of R. S. also issued instructions
that the provisions in Sec. 5(2) of
the Madras Maternity Benefit Act

(which provides for absence for 3 weeks up to confinement) should be adhered to as far as possible. No further action ~~was~~ was considered necessary on Mr. Ranganatha mudalingi's suggestion.

3. The ~~the~~ ~~for~~ report called for by the Board from the Collector may be awaited. The file may perhaps be circulated to H.T.C. ^{H.H.M.} 3 and then sent to L.S.J. for perusal.

C₃ I will look into this
Birkhar
14.8.35

M/R 16.8.35

Not Conf.
with Act VI of 1

Circ 13-8-35
Box 2-34

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Submitted
16.8.35

3 This has arisen from a
misapprehension. The rule
is that if the Med. Officer certifies
that a woman is unfit to come to

Circ 16.8.35
Box M. 35
with Act

the work. She is in the office in
her home. This is followed in
all camps & apparently in
Madagascar the M.O. will not
find a certificate. Mr. Leslie is
satisfied with the rule & the case at
Madagascar will be looked into.
S.F. may be told so.

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To Under Secy

A draft D.O. is submitted
for approval. L.S.F. may see before coming.

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L.S.F.

May be returned to Rev L.S.F. (OH) Dept after
approval.

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Typed copy attached

Revenue Dept.

DD. no.

My dear Connor,

Famine - (Bells)

Relief camp at Nandanam -

Employment of pregnant women

Your letter no. 211 Hospik

dated 8-8-35.

in the

Mr. Souter

according to
the provisions of

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Grave no relief

The circumstances in which women with advanced pregnancy were employed in the Nandanam camp will be examined further.

Major General Sir F. O. Connor M.C.,
D.S.O., K.M.S., D.M.S.

Morgan J. with the first grade

to H. K. Kelladi Esq., D.C.S.
Shree, Bd. of the D.A.S.

(During his recent tour in the district) the Honble the Revenue Minister enquired into the matter mentioned above, & under Section 132 of the Famine Code, if the medical Officer certifies that a pregnant woman is unfit to work, she is given ~~a date~~ off her house. This rule is followed in all camps ~~however the rule is~~ and apparently ~~the rule is~~ the Nandanam ~~the medical Officer~~ would not give the requisite certificate. ~~I am to state that~~ Col. Sir Leslie is satisfied with the rule and that

~~the case at Nandanam will be looked into the circumstances governing the employment of pregnant women in the Nandanam camp.~~

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Revenue Department.

D.O.No. 3894^u dated 30-8-35

My dear Connor,

Famine - (Bellary) - Relief camp at
Nadangam - Employment of pregnant women.

Your letter No.211 Hospitals, dated
8-8-35.

I am to state that Mr. Souter
(Revenue Member) enquired into the matter
mentioned above, during his recent tour
in the district. According to the provi-
sions of section 132 of the Famine Code,
if the Medical Officer in charge of the
camp certifies that a pregnant woman is
unfit to work, she is given gratuitous
relief at her house. This rule is follow-
ed in all camps. Apparently however the
Medical Officer at the Nadangam camp
would not give the requisite certificate.
I am to say that Col. Leslie is satisfied
with the rule and that the circumstances
in which women well advanced in
pregnancy were employed in the Nadangam
camp will be examined further.

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Copy to M. K. Vellodi Esq., I.C.S.,
Joint Secretary, Board of Revenue,
Land Revenue and Settlement.

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To H. S.

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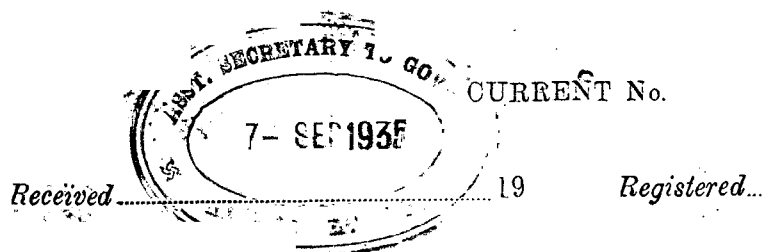
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DEPARTMENT



Famine - (Bellary) - Relief work at Nadangam - Inspection
notes of the District Medical Officer - Pregnant women at work.
Collector's report - Submitted to Government.

ENCLOSURES.

No.....

B.P. Mis. No. 3327

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Station..... M a d r a s Dated the..... 4-9-1935..... 19

From
M.K.Vellodi Esq., I.C
Joint Secretary, Land Revenue.
The Board of Revenue, Revenue Settlement, etc.
~~Separate Revenue.~~
M.R.Ky. Diwan Bahadur N. Gopalaswami Ayyangar Avl., C.I.R.,
Commissioner of Land Revenue and Settlement.
Resolution
Reference.

Read the following:-

Letter from T. Bhaskara Rao Esq., I.C.S., Collector of
Bellary, Roc. No. 2363/35, dated 16th August 1935. -

Ref.- Board's Ref. No. M.5486/35-1, dated 9-8-1935.

The Famine Executive Engineer, Bellary, has been
asked to report the circumstances under which the 21 pregnant
women were given light work and his report has not yet been
received. I shall submit my reply as soon as it is
received.

All these 21 pregnant women have since been given

leave or absence from 6th August 1935.

II.

Letter from T. Bhaskara Rao Esq., I.C.S., Collector of Bellary, Roc. No. 2363/35, dated 1st September 1935.-

Ref.- Board's Reference No. M. 5486/35-1, dated 9th August 1935.

Op 1-2 (2)

The 21 pregnant women referred to in the notes of Inspection of the District Medical Officer, Bellary, were not certified by the local Medical Officer to be unfit even *and they were therefore formed into a special gang and given light work for light work* at the camp. All these pregnant women were given leave of absence from 6th August 1935. The District Medical Officer has since issued a circular to all medical officers in charge of the famine camp hospitals regarding the treatment of pregnant women (copy enclosed) and I think that no further action is necessary in the matter.

Copy of Memo No. 280/35, dated 23rd August from the Office of the District Medical Officer, Bellary.-

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I find that my verbal instructions regarding the treatment of pregnant women are not being carried out. These instructions were given in accordance with (the amended) section 132 of the Famine Code, Madras Presidency.

Op 2 of 28/8/35

Instances have been brought to my notice where women, nearing full term of pregnancy, have been coming to the famine camp, at great risk to themselves for fear of losing their allowances. In the majority of cases it is quite impossible to tell, within a fairly wide margin, the exact date of confinement.

In future, therefore, when the medical officer has reasonable grounds to suppose that a pregnant woman is

nearing full term he shall give to the charge officer of the camp a certificate in the following terms to enable the woman to draw her allowances at her own home.

"In my opinion this woman is far advanced in pregnancy and it will not be safe for her to return to work of any kind in the famine camp till she has recovered from the effects of her confinement."

Medical officers are notified that they must exercise all possible skill and judgment in giving such certificates, both in the interests of the pregnant woman and the Government and the results will be noted in their personal records.

RESOLUTION:

Submitted to the Government in continuation of the Board's Reference No. M. 5486/35-1, dated 9th August 1935. (True Extract).

M. K. Vaidya 6/9/35
Joint Secretary.

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To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
Copy to the Surgeon-General.

s.s./5-9-35.

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onto 6.9.

Rev. Dept.

To h.s.

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20/6 Rev., dated 4-8-35.

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